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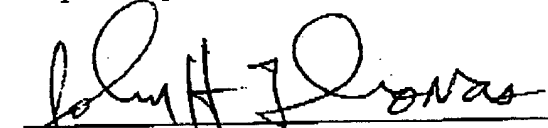
Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 17, 2002, Applicant elects to move forward with the prosecution of claims 1-10 and 17-22. Applicant respectfully believes that all of the claims are directed to the related subject matter as set forth in the application. Nevertheless, in order to move this application forward claims 11-16 are canceled.

In the claims, please cancel claims 11-16 without prejudice.

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Respectfully Submitted,


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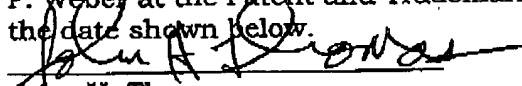
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